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1. SAN JOSE MEDIA GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S ADDRESS BEFORE THE OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL APRIL 14. A NATION-WIDE T.V. NETWORK CARRIED USIS' LIVE SATELLITE FEED OF THE SPEECH WITH SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION, AS DID A NUMBER OF MAJOR RADIO STATIONS. LOCAL PRESS APRIL 15 FRONT-PAGED WIRE SERVICE ACCOUNTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS. THE COMPLETE TEXT WAS CARRIED ONLY BY LEADING DAILY LA NACION. WHILE COVERAGE WAS EXCELLENT, INITIAL REACTION WAS LIMITED.

2. LA NACION INTERVIEWED ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER WILBURG JIMENEZ SHORTLY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE SPEECH. JIMENEZ EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE WITH THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS. "THE POSITIONS OUTLINED BY PRESIDENT CARTER," HE DECLARED, "ARE A NEW HOPE AND A RE-AFFIRMATION OF FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES."

3. IT WAS VERY INTERESTING, HE ADDED, THAT THE SPEECH CENTERED ON ASPECTS OF NON-INTERVENTION, RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION. JIMENEZ CALLED
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NON-INTERVENTION AN INDISPENSABLE PRINCIPLE IN THE FULL EXERVSE OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND THUS CONSTITUTES THE FUNDAMENTAL BASIS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. "PART OF THIS," HE ADDED, "IS ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FULL PANAMANIAN SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE CANAL." HE INDICATED CARTER MADE THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

4. REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS, JIMENEZ NOTED THE CONVERGENCE OF U.S. AND COSTA RICAN POSITIONS INDICATED BY THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS, HE SPECIFICALLY CITED REFERENCE BY THE PRESIDENT TO THE RIGHTS OF POLITICAL EXILES. JIMENEZ ALSO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE PRESIDENT'S PLEDGE OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION LAUDING THE PRESIDENT'S "DISPOSITION" TO ELIMINATE TRADE RESTRICTIONS.

5. WHILE NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO SPEECH, EXCELSIOR'S SOLE EDITORIAL OF APRIL 15 REVIEWED PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY, POINTED OUT DIFFICULTY OF IMPLEMENTING IT IN LATIN AMERICA, BUT CONCLUDED THAT SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION WILL BE VICTORY NOT ONLY FOR JIMMY CARTER BUT FOR LATIN AMERICA AS WELL. KILDAY

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